

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) Separating arrangement comprising a pressurising pump and separation units for separating from a supply fluid a fluid ~~from~~ and components contained in admixture, the separation units being responsive to a pressure difference whereby the separation process has improved performance with increased pressure of the fluid, wherein:

a first separation unit operable to receive the supply fluid,

an input of the pump is connected to ~~[[a]]~~ the first separation unit to receive from the first separation unit a diluted supply fluid with respect to the admixed components,

an output of the pump is connected to a second separation unit for supplying the second separation unit with pressurised diluted supply fluid, and

the first separation unit is connected to an outlet selected from the group consisting of an outlet of the second separation unit, which delivers fluid enriched with admixed component, and ~~the output~~ an outlet of the pump~~[[;]]~~ in order to supply the first separation unit with pressurised fluid of original or elevated components concentration ~~and,~~ the first separation unit being further operable to separate components from the supplied pressurised fluid to produce a treated fluid and to add the treated fluid to thereby, to dilute the received supply fluid to produce the diluted supply fluid and to convey~~[[ed]]~~ through the first separation unit the diluted supply fluid to the pump input ~~with respect to the admixed components.~~

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) Separating arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the pump is defined by a fluidic loop comprising a loop conduit, a circulating pump and a double-cone device in a loop arrangement, the ~~inlet~~ input of the pump being constituted by the ~~the~~ an inlet of the double-cone device, and the outlet of the pump being constituted by a conduit branched off the loop conduit.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) Separating arrangement according to claim 2, further comprising a feed pump connected with the inlet of the double-cone device in order to improve

the supply of fluid to the double-cone device.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) Separating arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the first separation unit allows a mass exchange between two fluids, the first separation unit being connected to ~~[[a]]~~ the pump outlet and an inlet ~~the input~~ of the pump, so that a mass-exchange between the fluid exiting the pump and the fluid entering it through the first separation unit occurs so that the concentration of matter to be separated from the fluid is reduced in the entering fluid.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) Separating arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the second separation unit is ~~capable of~~ operable for separating matter from the fluid by a process selected from the group consisting of osmosis, reverse osmosis, filtration, cyclone effect, and chromatography, in order to recover at least one of purified fluid and concentrated fluid at the exit of the second separation unit.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) Separating arrangement according to claim 5, wherein the first separation unit is ~~capable of~~ operable for separating matter from the fluid by a process selected from the group consisting of osmosis, reverse osmosis, filtration, cyclone effect, and chromatography.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of the~~ [[s]] Separating arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the first and second separation units are operable for the desalination of sea-water.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of the~~ [[s]] Separating arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the first and second separation units are operable for the separation of a contaminant from water.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of the~~ [[s]] Separating arrangement according to claim 8, wherein the contaminant is oil.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) Separating arrangement according to claim 4, wherein the first separation unit is ~~capable of~~ operable for separating matter from the fluid by a process selected from the group consisting of osmosis, reverse osmosis, filtration, cyclone effect, and chromatography.